

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1 and 10-18 are cancelled herein. Claims 2-9 and 19-26 are amended. No new matter has been added herein. The Examiner has indicated in the Office Action mailed August 3, 2007 that Claims 7 and 24 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 7 and 24 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully point out that all Claims have been put in condition for allowance in the present after final amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 and no contested Claims remain in the present Application.

Applicants have herein amended Claims 7 and 24 to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claim and any intervening claims. Moreover, Applicants have amended Claims 2-6 and 8-9 to be dependent upon amended Claim 7. Applicants have amended Claims 19-23 and 25-26 to be dependent upon amended Claim 24.

Hence, as Claims 7 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base Claims 1 and 18 respectively, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 7 and 24 are allowable. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 2-6 and 8-9 depend on independent Claim 7, and as such are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim. Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 19-23 and 25-26 depend on independent Claim 24, and as such are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 8-15, 18-22 and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bozak et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0027864) (hereinafter, Bozak) in view of Devarakonda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,992). Claims 7 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicates would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 10-17, and 18 are cancelled herein. As amended herein, Claims 2-6 and 8-9 are dependent on Claim 7, which has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and is therefore allowable. As amended herein, Claims 19-23 and 25-26 are dependent on Claim 18, which has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and is therefore allowable.

As such, all claims are in condition for allowance, and no contested claims remain in the present Application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that a discussion of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot at this time.

CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks and amendments presented above, Applicants request allowance of the present Application.


Applicants further point out that all Claims have been put in condition for allowance and no contested Claims remain in the present Application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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